

GOVERNOR (1949-1957: LEE) [446]

PROCLAMATIONS, 1949-1956.

0.55 cu. ft. and 2 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: This series contains materials relating to Governor J. Bracken Lee's designation of particular days, weeks, months, or years to focus public attention on a variety of issues, ideals, events, individuals or causes. Many of the documents carry the label "Statement of the Governor", while a few documents are designated "Proclamations". Proclamations are more official in their wording and bear the state seal. Otherwise, the difference between a "statement" and a "proclamation" is unclear. The series also includes material relating to such designations, mostly correspondence from organizations requesting that the Governor to issue some type of proclamation. At some point in Lee's administration the governor's office adopted the policy of only designating special days, weeks, or months if a Utah group acted as a sponsor for the observance. This policy is reflected in the numerous requests from national organizations that the governor's office turned down for lack of a local sponsor. Special designations made by Governor Lee are varied and include such things as the official announcement of election days, "Newspaper-Boy Day", "Rabbit Week in Utah", "Civil Defense Weeks", and "Know Your Utah Year". These files also include a number of statements of welcome or congratulations to particular organizations on the occasion of a conference or a milestone in the history of the organization.

ARRANGEMENT: Folders in this series have a type of chronological arrangement. Documents are not separated by year but simply in multiple-month groupings of an annual calendar. This arrangement is likely due to the fact that some observances could repeat annually.

RESEARCH NOTE: Arrangement of materials in this series is documented by the microfilm copy made in 1979. The microfilm presumably represents the order in which the records were received from the Governor's office and this physical arrangement has been maintained as

much as possible. Because filing practice was not always consistent, researchers will want to approach their search broadly, scanning the entire container list, as well as consulting the inventories for other record series from Governor Lee's office.

RELATED RECORDS: The bulk of correspondence from Governor Lee's office is contained in Series 211, CORRESPONDENCE. For correspondence from constituents (under the heading "Reaction") and for additional information on Governor Lee's stand on issues see Series 217, SPEECHES. Press releases from Lee's office and press-related correspondence make up Series 215, PRESS RELEASES. Information regarding the gubernatorial campaign of 1956 and the issues in state government in the last months of Governor Lee's administration is contained in Series 214 , NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. Researchers interested in materials from the French *Merci* Train, which Governor Lee officially accepted for the State of Utah in 1949, should consult Series 20732, FRENCH *MERCI* TRAIN GIFTS. Other records from Governor Lee's office include Series 13852, MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS, as well as materials relating to a couple of extradition cases handled by Governor Lee's office, Series 23594, EXTRADITION CASE FILES.

PROCESSING NOTE: This series was microfilmed in 1979 and the hard copy kept because of the intrinsic value of the papers. It was processed by Alan Barnett in January 2004 and scheduled in accordance with the Utah State Agency General Retention Schedule.

PREFERRED CITATION: Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Folder	Description
1	1	1	1949-1956, Jan-Mar; Proclamations [1 of 2, both folders are divisions of a single folder on microfilm]
1	1	2	1949-1956, Jan-Mar; Proclamations [2 of 2]
1	1	3	1949-1956, Apr-May; Proclamations [1 of 2, both folders are divisions of a single folder on microfilm]
1	1	4	1949-1956, Apr-May; Proclamations [2 of 2]
1	1	5	1949-1956, Jun-Sep; Proclamations [1 of 3, all three folders are divisions of a single folder on microfilm] (cont. on Reel

Reel	Box	Folder	Description
2	1	5	2) 1949-1956, Jun-Sep; Proclamations [1 of 3] (cont. from Reel 1)
2	1	6	1949-1956, Jun-Sep; Proclamations [2 of 3]
2	1	7	1949-1956, Jun-Sep; Proclamations [3 of 3]
2	2	1	1949-1956, Oct-Dec; Proclamations [1 of 2, both folders are divisions of a single folder on microfilm]
2	2	2	1949-1956, Oct-Dec; Proclamations [2 of 2]